this spot. This being an important and necessary want, the people earnestly pray that this may be favourably considered.

Reply of Government.—The project for pumping filtered water from *Kudineer Katte* at a cost of Rs. 77,340 has not been sanctioned by Government as the Municipality can afford to pay neither for the maintenance charges nor make any contribution towards the initial cost. If, however, the Municipality increases its revenue so as to be able to bear the recurring charges, the question of Government bearing the initial cost will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 588.

A students' hostel at Channapatna.

Mr. Siddegowda, Channapatna taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The high school and the industrial school at Channapatna are deteriorating day by day for want of students. Most of the townspeople being merchants find it difficult to send their children to school. Others from outside also find it difficult to send their children to Channapatna for education as there are no hostels or lodgings.

As in Tumkur and other places, students' hostels may be caused to be opened for the convenience of students.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 589.

Water-supply to Closepet.

Mr. Peer Beg, Closepet Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Water difficulty is felt in the Mahomedan and Mudaliar streets of the town. The question of supplying water by a pumping machine was not approved on the ground that the Municipality could not bear the cost. The Bolappanahalli tank which is under construction being only three-fourths of a mile from the town, arrangements may be made to supply water from this tank.

Reply of Government.—Gravitation supply is not found possible. As regards the scheme of water-supply by pumping, it will be considered, if the Municipality undertakes to bear the maintenance charges.

SUBJECT No. 590.

Repeal of the new rule framed by the Water Works Department.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The new rules have introduced certain innovations which are a hardship to the people; they are—

(1) The introduction of an application fee.

(2) The charge for the temporary stoppage of supplies.

(3) The necessity to get the consent of the Water Works Department for repairs and to get the repairs carried out only by licensed plumbers.

(4) A higher rate of charge for excess water in the Bangalore City than in the Mysore City.

(5) The fee levied for testing the metre.

(6) The metre rent.

The member also suggested that rules should be framed to the effect that the testing of the quantity of consumption should be done only by officers of the grade of Assistant Engineers and that the control of the supply of water in the town should be left in the hands of the Municipality.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into. The new rules were framed after consulting the Municipalities concerned.

SUBJECT No. 591.

Theft in the Bangalore City Railway goods shed.

Mr. Ramachandra Rao Sindia, Commercial Association, Bangalore City.

Summary of discussion.—Systematic thefts have been going on in the city goods-shed. Articles consigned to this place are scarcely received in proper condition and the weight of every bag is found to be invariably somewhat less than the consigner's weight, in spite of the secure packing. Sometimes cheaper articles are substituted, for instance a tin of oil for one of ghee in a quantity consigned. Merchants are thus put to heavy loss. Their petitions to the railway authorities in this matter have not had the desired effect. It is prayed that a searching enquiry be caused to be made and the undesirable practice put a stop to early. There appears to be a Regulation in Madras to remedy these difficulties. It may be enquired into and the necessary steps taken here also.

Reply of Government.—Will be inquired into.

SUBJECT No. 592.

Loading of goods.

Mr. Ramachandra Rao Sindia, Commercial Association, Bangalore City.

Summary of discussion.—The gates of the railway station goods-yard are very often found closed on working days of the week. No notice of this is given to the merchants beforehand. The result has been that goods sent to the station are received back in the course of the day. On enquiry we are told that goods are not received for want of empty waggons. Much inconvenience and unnecessary expense is thus caused. The railway authorities have been approached, but up to date matters have not improved. It is prayed that a reference be made early and the grievance remedied.

Reply of Government.—The Company will be addressed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 593.

Municipal Chairman.

Mr. Ramachandra Rao Sindia, Commercial Association, Bangalore City.

Summary of discussion.—The Chairman of the Municipality to be elected from among the Municipal Councillors as in Madura, Vellore and other places.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurthi Rao—Non-officials should be encouraged by their being made to take greater interest in Municipal Administration.

Mr. Krishnamurthi Rao was in favour of a whole-time non-official chairman.

Reply of Government.—Noted.